

PATENT  
Docket: GE132659

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended at para. 10 to correct syntax; at para. 35 to reference both figures 2 and 3 to conform with the written description; and at para. 70 to delete an extraneous word.

The examiner has initialed reference AS in the originally filed IDS, which was concurrently filed with the present application.

The examiner is now requested to update the Form 1449 to insert the missing application No. 10/718,149, which is now known, and in this regard, Applicant is attaching hereto another Form 1449 to include this application No. as a convenience for the examiner, if he so chooses.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The examiner's reasons for allowance are overly brief, and fail to fully address the substantial differences in the numerous combinations recited in the various claims over the references of record; and are a broad interpretation of the claims and the references discussed.

Starkweather discloses radial inlets at the bottom of the hollow airfoil, which, of course, is quite conventional.

Bourguignon discloses radial inlets at the top and bottom of the guide vane, which the examiner describes as a turbine blade.

And, the examiner describes Leone as "having an axial coolant inlet on the aft face of the dovetail." Note, however, that the buckets 14 have bypass holes 54,56 on opposite axial faces, with holes 54 being inlets to the chamber 58, and holes 56 being outlets to the chamber.

PATENT  
Docket GR132659

Accordingly, all claims are entitled to the full and broad interpretation thereof commensurate with their specific features and differences, commensurate with a first office action allowance thereof, commensurate with standard claim interpretation practice as found in the MPEP and case law; and without limitation by the examiner's reasons for allowance, which appear to increase the scope of the claims.

This amendment under Rule 312 is being filed concurrently with the Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85, with a separate certificate of mailing therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: 28 February 2005

Francis L. Conte  
Registration No. 29,630  
Attorney for Applicant

6 Puritan Avenue  
Swampscott, MA 01907  
Tel: 781-592-9077  
Fax: 781-592-4618

Attachment:

Form PTO-1449